CHAPTER 4

I FORGOT SOMETHING ***VERY*** IMPORTANT.

OH, CRAP!

NO...

ACTUALLY...

WH-WHAT?

DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A SKETCH OF YOUR MOTHER OR SOMETHING?

WHAAAAT?!

I HAD MOM'S ***PHOTO*** ALL ALONG!

going

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE PHOTOS OF YOUR PARENTS...

GUESS I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.

UH... SORRY... HOW DID I NOT NOTICE IT SOONER?

YOU SAID SHE'S A COSPLAYER, SO THERE MIGHT BE PHOTOS OF HER ON SOME WEBSITE.

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

WE MIGHT FIND HER BACKGROUND INFO THERE...

WE MAY BE ABLE TO GET SOME INFO ON YOUR MOTHER OUT OF THAT.

LET'S SEARCH FOR RESULTS BASED ON THAT IMAGE!

CLICK CLICK

*COSPLAYERS CHANGE THEIR APPEARANCE HEAVILY DEPENDING ON THE CHARACTER THEY'RE COSPLAYING.

WHO IS WHO IN COSPLAY!

I JUST CAN'T UNDER-STAND

I TRIED DOING THAT YESTERDAY WHEN I TALKED TO HIM,

BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT IN THE END.

PERHAPS AMANE YUKI HASN'T BEEN COSPLAYING FOR LONG.

EITHER WAY, WE HAVE TO CONVINCE DARU TO GO TO COMIMA.

DAMN DARU...

HE'S GIVING UP A MARVELOUS FUTURE FOR SOME EPHEMERAL HAPPINESS!

I THOUGHT HE'D COME TO COMIMA IF I INVITED HIM,

BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME AND KEPT SAYING HE'S BUSY.

GL INT

WELL...

IT'S WHETHER DARU WILL REALIZE THAT IT'S HIS ***DESTINY!***

ISN'T IT BAD THAT THERE'S ONLY A DAY LEFT UNTIL COMIMA?

HMM... THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY THE MAIN PROBLEM.

EH?! WHAT *IS* THEN?

HUH...

SO, OKABE RINTARO HAS A MAIDEN'S HEART...

N-NO I DON'T!

I'M BEING ***SERIOUS!*** HOW WILL HE KNOW IF IT'S JUST A SIMPLE MEETING?

IF WE MAKE HIM BELIEVE THAT, NOT SUZUHA, BUT YUKI IS THE PERSON HE'S TRULY DESTINED TO BE WITH, EVERYTHING SHOULD WORK OUT AFTERWARDS.

INDEED! AS LONG AS THEY HUG ONCE, HE'LL FEEL THAT DESTINY BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER.

SO... YOU WANT TO MAKE THEIR MEETING SEEM LIKE IT WAS DESTINED?

CREEEAK

TUTTURU!

OKARIN, SUZUHA, GOOD MORNING!

HOW WILL WE PULL THAT OFF WITHIN THE REMAINING TIME?

I SEE...

NAH...

MAYUSHII HAS TO BRING THE COMIMA COSTUMES TO FUBUKI AND KAEDE NOW.

MAYURI?

YOU'RE ALREADY BACK FROM WORK?

AHA! SUZU, YOU WANNA TRY COSPLAYING?

HUUUH?!

GRAB

OH...? COULD THAT BE MAYUSHII'S...

EH? OH, I'M SORRY! I TOOK A LOOK AT IT WITHOUT ASKING.

IT WAS LYING AROUND HERE SO—

flash

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AAH...
I WISH
I COULD
BUT I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO THAT
DAY...

TO TELL
THE TRUTH, I
WAS WORRIED
THAT THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ENOUGH PEOPLE
TO WEAR MY
COSPLAY
COSTUMES!

SO,
ARE YOU
GOING TO
COSPLAY
IN COMIMA
IN TWO
DAYS?

YEAH,
MAYURI,
YOUR
COSPLAY...

A RE-
QUEST?

IF
MAYUSHII
AGREES,
WILL SUZU
COSPLAY?

H

EXCUSE ME,
MAYURI!
I HAVE A
REQUEST
FOR YOU!

OK!
AS LONG
AS SUZU
COSPLAYS,
CONSIDER
IT DONE!

mumble
mumble

ACTUALLY,
I NEED
YOU TO
HAVE THIS
READY BY
TOMORROW
EVENING.

WHAT?
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

OF
COURSE!
SHE WILL
GIVE IT
HER ALL!

FEAR NOT! YOU ARE FAR GREATER THAN ALL THE OTAKUS AND COSPLAYERS. THE BLOOD OF THE ELITE IS COURSING THROUGH YOUR VEINS!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, OKABE RINTARO? THERE'S NO WAY I'M DOING COSPLAY.

SO...

WELL THEN, SEE YOU LATER!

EH. WHA- WHAT KIND OF GREETING IS THAT?

WHAT AN AUDACIOUS ASSISTANT!

HELLO, I'M NOT YOUR ASSISTANT, I'M MAKISE KURISU. ALSO, I'M NOT AT HOME RIGHT NOW.

BEEP

BUZZZ

Dialing...

Assistant

NOW THEN...

YOU WOULD TRY COS-PLAYING?

AHEM

ANYWAY. IS THERE ANY CHANCE

THE NEXT DAY
(AUGUST 14)

OPERATION SJOFN HAS NOW REACHED ITS FINAL PHASE.

IT'S FINALLY TIME TO SOW THE SEEDS.

THE PREPA-RATIONS ARE ALL SET!

DON'T WORRY, I GOT THIS.

ARE YOU SURE THIS PLAN WILL WORK?

O-OK!

YOU JUST WAIT THERE QUIETLY!

OH... IT SEEMS THAT OUR TARGET HAS APPEARED.

OH YEAH, YOU SHOULD ALSO BE HUNGRY AROUND THIS TIME!

THEN, LET'S GO TOGE—

rustle

I'LL PASS, I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT LUNCH.

HUH, OKARIN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

H-HEY, DARU! I JUST THOUGHT I'D EAT OUT TODAY!

BUT I REFUSE!

BESIDES, I'M TRYING TO SAVE UP MONEY NOW—

WH- WHAT?!

RATHER THAN THAT COLD LUNCH BOX, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE A NICE AND WARM MEAL THAT'LL GIVE YOU THE ENERGY TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK?!

FLINCH

IT'LL BE MY TREAT!

D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...

YOU KNOW,

RUMBLE RUMBLE

RUMBLE

Maruyon Premium Pork Loin

¥2000

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TRY THE MARUYON PREMIUM PORK LOIN!

TA-DAH

MA RU YON

JHHH.. DON'T MENTION IT..

AAH... I'M FULL! THE MEAT HERE IS NUMBER ONE!

THANKS, OKARIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!

JUST THOUGHT I'D SUPPORT YOU A LITTLE SINCE YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD LATELY.

FORTUNE TELLER

OH, UM... NO PARTICULAR REASON!

SO, WHAT'S UP? HOW COME YOU SUDDENLY DECIDED TO TREAT ME?

YOU TWO OVER THERE!

HEY...

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW YOUR FORTUNE?

HOW ABOUT IT?

TH UD

DON'T IGNORE PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE TALKING!

WHY HAVE I EVEN BEEN WAITING HERE FOR TEN WHOLE MINUTES?!

FORTUNE TELLER

AH... *HEY!*

WAIT A MI—

MAN, THAT MEAT SURE WAS SATISFYING...

HM...?

THIS FORTUNE TELLER SEEMS FAMILIAR.

Y-YOU THINK SO? I'VE *NEVER* MET THIS PERSON!

turn

FORTUNE TELLER FTW!!

RIGHT NOW, I'LL LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE FREE OF CHARGE.

EHHH... BUT I'VE GOT WORK TO DO...

ANYWAY! WHY DON'T YOU LET HER TELL YOUR FORTUNE?

...

D-DID I? I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING THAT.

BUT WAIT A MINUTE...

DIDN'T YOU USED TO SAY THAT PEOPLE WHO TRUST FORTUNE TELLERS ARE FOOLS?

THE ONE WITH THE WHITE COAT!

VERY WELL, I'LL START WITH *YOU!*

I-IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOUBTING MY POWERS...

WHO KNOWS...

WHOA! THAT WAS AMAZINGLY ACCURATE, OKARIN!

COULD THE RETURNEE SHE MENTIONED BE *MS MAKISE?*

clench

YOU SHOULD *ESPECIALLY* CHERISH THAT RETURNEE!

YOU ARE SO FAR GONE IN YOUR *CHUUNIBYOU* THAT YOU LACK COMMON SENSE AND CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER PEOPLE'S NAMES! IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL *LEAVE* YOU!

I CAN SEE THAT YOU TALK AND BEHAVE *WEIRDLY!*

IN TWO TO THREE DAYS' TIME, YOU'LL HAVE A DESTINED ENCOUNTER...

I SEE THAT THERE WILL SOON BE A BIG TURNING POINT IN YOUR LOVE LIFE...

AND NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN.

AND THE KEYWORD IS...

A LARGE TRIANGULAR BUILDING...

THE PLACE IS NEAR THE SEA...

"MOE MOE KYUN!"

THAT'S COMIMA, RIGHT?

A TRIAN-GULAR BUILDING NEAR THE SEA...

MOE MOE...

...HUH?

THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL SAY WHEN YOU MEET YOUR DESTINED PARTNER.

YOU GOT IT? IT'S "MOE MOE KYUN."

WHY DID I *HAVE* TO DO THIS?!

PEOPLE WOULD *LAUGH* AT ME IF THEY KNEW!

GOOD GRIEF...

FLAD

WHY ARE YOU COMPLAINING NOW? WERE YOU NOT EXCITED WHEN I ASKED YOU YESTERDAY?

YOU JUST ASKED ME IF I WOULD TRY *COSPLAYING!*

YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT I'D HAVE TO SIT HERE AND PRETEND TO BE A REAL *FORTUNE TELLER!*

N-N-N-NO
I *WASN'T!*

I WASN'T EXCITED *AT ALL!*

OHO...
SO YOU WERE EXCITED FOR THE COSPLAY ITSELF AT LEAST, EH?

BESIDES, HASHIDA WAS SAYING THAT HE WOULDN'T GO TO COMIMA,

SO I WAS WORRIED.

YEAH, WELL... I HAD TO, SINCE YOU ASKED ME SO DESPERATELY FOR WHATEV-ER REASON.

EITHER WAY, WE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO COOPERATE QUITE WELL, CHRISTINA.

WAIT! WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THESE CLOTHES?

I PROMISE I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU WITH MY INTELLECT!

I SEE. WELL, THANK YOU.

I DON'T NEED THEM!

THWACK

MWAHAHA

I'LL LEAVE THEM TO YOU AS A MEMENTO OF TODAY.

YOU CAN COSPLAY TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH APPROACHES...

ALL RIGHT,

WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN UNTIL COMIMA...

IN THE END, WILL THE GODDESS OF FATE SMILE OR SNEER UPON US?

AUGUST 15
COMIMA DAY 1
08:43

AWE-SOME!

jabber

jabber

WHOA!!

IS COMIMA ALWAYS THIS PACKED?!

UH-HUH. IT'S AS PACKED AS EVER THIS YEAR.

THROUGHOUT THESE THREE DAYS, OTAKUS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD GATHER IN THIS FESTIVAL MADE BY OTAKUS FOR OTAKUS.

I SEE! THEN, WE'LL SEE HER IF WE JUST WAIT THERE!

DON'T WORRY! ALL COSPLAYERS GATHER IN THE COSPLAY PLAZA.

HEY, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND MOM WITHIN THIS CROWD?

OH.

THEN, I'M OFF TO THE COSPLAY PLAZA.

ALL RIGHT THEN, TIME TO CHANGE CLOTHES!

GRAB

AH, I'M COMING WITH—

EEEE

GLIMMER

H-HIYA!

IT SUITS SUZU EVEN MORE THAN I EXPECTED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, OKARIN? SHE'S COSPLAYING MEI FROM THE POPULAR FIGHTING GAME "PHANTOM BREAKER."

DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL GET USED TO IT *SOON.*

HEHEH... IT'S MY FIRST TIME, SO I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY EMBAR-RASSED.

WH

AH... YEAH...

OK... UM...

OH, RIGHT. SUZU, COULD YOU TRY DOING WHAT WE JUST PRACTICED?

OA

swirl

LEND ME YOUR POWER!

CANDY,

swirl

swirl

WOOOW

SPARKLE

ULTRA SPECIAL TRANSFORMATION!

HERE I GOOO!

TH-THAT'S A *LIE!* I WASN'T BLUSHING IN THE *SLIGHTEST!* ANYWAY, HAS DARU REPLIED YET?

EH, REALLY?

SUZU, SUZU, OKARIN WAS BLUSHING!

DON'T YOU HAVE *ANYTHING* TO SAY?

HEY...! WHY ARE YOU JUST STARING AT ME?

...

IS HIS PART-TIME JOB IN THAT BIG OF A CRUNCH TIME?

HMM, EVEN SUZUHA'S COSPLAY COULDN'T LURE HIM IN, HUH?

ACTUALLY, NO, HE HASN'T.

EH? OF ME?!

WHOA... SO MANY PEOPLE WANT SUZU'S PHOTO!

MAY WE TAKE SOME PHOTOS OF YOU?

UM, EXCUSE US...

YOU SHOULD LET THEM TAKE PHOTOS.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT.

O-OK!

CHATTER

SO MANY—

WAIT, WHEN DID ALL THESE PEOPLE GET HERE?!

wow

nice

nice

EXCUUUSE ME, PLEASE LINE UP PROPERLY!

EVEN HER VOICE IS SIMILAR TO MEI'S!

AWESOME!

WHEW...

IT'S OVER...

OH... SORRY!

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE HAVING FUN!

LOOKS LIKE YOU ENJOYED YOUR FIRST COMIMA.

I WAS PRETTY NERVOUS AT FIRST, BUT IT WAS VERY FUN ONCE I GOT USED TO IT.

THEY EVEN PRAISED MY POSES!

ALSO...

BUT I'M GLAD I GOT TO EXPERIENCE THE COMIMA MY PARENTS WOULD OFTEN TALK ABOUT.

YOU KNOW, IT'S A LITTLE WEIRD THAT MOM USED TO BE INTO THESE THINGS WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER.

UNPLEASANT STUFF?

YEAH. YESTER-DAY...

SOME *UNPLEASANT* STUFF.

IT LET ME TAKE MY MIND OFF

MY HANDS HAD BECOME *SEE-THROUGH...*

?!

IT WAS A *DREAM?!*

SAY THAT *FIRST*, DAMN IT!

BUT IT WAS JUST A DREAM!

HOW I MIGHT JUST DISAPPEAR.

WELL... THAT DREAM MADE ME REALIZE

COSPLAYING FOR THE FIRST TIME,

HAVING FUN WITH EVERYONE IN THE LAB,

LIKE I WAS NEVER EVEN THERE.

I COULD SUDDENLY VANISH ONE DAY,

EVEN TALKING TO UNCLE OKARIN HERE...

EVERYTHING WOULD DISAPPEAR.

ACTUALLY...

I HAVE...

A SMALL REQUEST TO MAKE.

SUZUHA...

PLEASE HOLD MY HAND?

JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT...

COULD YOU...

THERE'S STILL TWO DAYS LEFT.

DON'T WORRY.

RIGHT.

EVERY-
THING WILL
WORK OUT.

SUZUHA MIGHT HAVE REALIZED THAT I SAID THAT JUST TO REASSURE HER,

SINCE HER HAND WAS SLIGHTLY TREMBLING.

IN THE END,
NEITHER DARU
NOR YUKI

SHOWED UP
AT COMIMA
THE NEXT DAY.

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